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**OAK PARK DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO OVER
10 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that CARL ROYCE MURPHY, 46, a long-time resident of the Oak Park area of Sacramento, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Garland E. Burrell, Jr. to serve 131 months (10.9 years) in federal prison. The defendant previously pleaded guilty to attempted possession with intent to distribute cocaine base ("crack cocaine") after a prior felony drug offense conviction. Murphy was previously convicted of, among other things, felony transportation of a controlled substance in 1992 in Sacramento County.

MURPHY was arrested on February 2, 2005, when agents of the DEA and officers of the Sacramento Police Department executed federal search warrants at residences owned or controlled by MURPHY in the Oak Park area of Sacramento, specifically in the 4100 block of 3rd Avenue and the 3500 block of San Jose Way. The agents found a quarter kilo of cocaine at the residence in the 3500 block of San Jose Way. MURPHY stated he was going to cook the quarter-kilo of powder cocaine into crack cocaine and sell it that same day indicating that this was a routine that he followed almost every day. MURPHY also stated that he had recently moved from one house he controlled in Oak Park to another to try to hide because DEA had recently arrested several of the people to whom MURPHY supplied cocaine base for sale.

This case is the product of an extensive/joint investigation by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Mobile Enforcement Team (MET), the Sacramento Police Department targeting drug traffickers in the Oak Park neighborhood of Sacramento. According to Assistant United States Attorney Anne Pings, who prosecuted the case, one of the purposes of this joint endeavor was to strategically enforce federal drug laws against individuals who, despite multiple prior convictions of similar drug trafficking crimes in state courts, continued to supply illegal drugs for sale in the local neighborhoods. When prosecuted in federal court, drug traffickers typically receive much harsher sentences. In addition to the longer sentences imposed, unlike state court prisoners who are released early on parole, there is no early release on parole in the federal system. After serving virtually their entire sentence, defendants in the federal system must also serve a period of supervised release in the community.

"Removing these drug dealers from the community for lengthy periods of time will help Oak Park, one of Sacramento's most historic neighborhoods, to continue to thrive," said United States Attorney Scott.

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